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SUBJ: LABOR PARTY ELECTS NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

1. LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 22 ELECTED MEIR ZARMI, FORMERLY HEAD OF THE MAPAI FACTION'S KIBBUTZ FEDERATION, AS ITS NEW SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPLACE AHARON YADLIN WHO IS NOW MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

2. COMPETITION FOR SECRETARY GENERALSHIP WAS BETWEEN TWO CANDIDATES--ZARMI AND YISRAEL GRANIT, FORMER HEAD OF PARTY'S ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT--BUT OUTCOME WAS VIRTUALLY FOREGONE CONCLUSION SINCE PARTY LEADERSHIP INCLUDING RABIN, TEL AVIV MACHINE (THE "GUSH") AND KIBBUTZ MOVEMENTS HAD THROWN THEIR SUPPORT BEHIND ZARMI IN ADVANCE. ELECTION ITSELF WAS LACKLUSTRE EVENT.

3. ZARMI HAS NECESSARY CREDENTIALS--MAPAI BACKGROUND, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH MANY PARTY SECTORS--BUT HE IS UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE STRONG LEADERSHIP. ZARMI, LIKE HIS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSORS YADLIN AND YESHAYAHU, IS SECOND-LEVEL FIGURE, NOT PARTICULARLY WELL-KNOWN OUTSIDE LABOR PARTY CIRCLES. EXCEPT FOR SAPIR AND MRS MEIR, SECRETARY GENERALSHIP HAS NOT ATTRACTED MAJOR PARTY PERSONALITIES. INHERENT DIFFICULTIES OF TRYING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN RIVALRIES ON FACTIONAL AND PERSONALITY BASES DOUBTLESS ALSO

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CONTRIBUTES TO DISCOURAGING EMERGENCE OF STRONG CANDIDATES,

WHILE BEST PARTY LEADERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

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